

Europol Organised First Forensic Sprint



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For the first time, Europol organised a “Forensic Sprint” at its headquarters. 15 experts from eight countries met at Europol HQ from 6 to 9 March 2023 in order to jointly extract data from seized devices. The sprint built on previous raids that had been conducted against a Chinese sexual exploitation ring within the Operational Task Force Lotus. During the raids in February of this year, 31 suspects were arrested (for their alleged involvement in the sexual exploitation of Chinese victims), 200 victims identified, and hundreds of mobile devices seized. The devices were being used by the suspects to communicate with clients and send instructions to the victims. By means of the forensic sprint, data from these devices were able to be extracted much more quickly and efficiently than if each country had performed this task itself.

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